

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Abdessatar CHTOUROU et al.

Title: VIRALLY-SAFE FACTOR VIII WITH A
LOW CONTENT OF HIGHER
MULTIMERS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 22, 2009, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of **Group III** (claims 7-9 and 16-17) drawn to a method for preparing a virally safe Factor VIII solution comprising filtering a solution through nanometric fibers and assaying the filtrate to determine the residual content of high-multimerization vWF.

Applicants enclose herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely filed, and reserve the right to file a divisional application to pursue the non-elected claims.